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Girodet, et al.

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Sheaths of UV Lamps of a Device for
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Counsel for Applicant conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner Andrew Smyth on November 5, 2009. During the course of the interview the claim limitation of "wherein each scraping ring is mounted within a respective bearing ring," as recited in claim 13, was discussed. In particular, this limitation was compared to the teachings of cited reference U.S. Patent No. 4,922,114 (Boehme). Boehme describes a wiper assembly 36 that includes three separate rings disposed side by side. Each of these rings has a slightly different internal diameter. See, Boehme, Fig. 3a. Counsel

for Applicant noted that none of these rings is mounted within one of the other rings and thus, Boehme does not show a scraping ring mounted within a bearing ring, as required by the claim. The Examiner argued that Boehme's ring 48, as shown in Fig. 3, can be deemed a scraping ring, while the entire wiper assembly 36 can be deemed a bearing ring. Under this interpretation, the Examiner argued that ring 48 (the alleged scraping ring) is "mounted within" wiper assembly 36 (the alleged bearing ring). Accordingly, the Examiner suggested that Applicants amend the claim to clarify that an inner perimeter of the bearing ring is received within a groove of the outer perimeter of the scraping ring. Counsel for Applicants agreed to consider the suggested amendment and file a supplemental response if deemed appropriate.

The time and cooperation of the Examiner and the supervisor is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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